

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 00-42
APPROVED APRIL 5, 2000

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000

PRESENT: Darryl R. Wold, Chairman, presiding
Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman
Lee Ann Elliott, Commissioner
David M. Mason, Commissioner
Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel
Mary W. Dove, Acting Secretary

Chairman Darryl R. Wold called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2000, with a quorum present.

I. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

Agenda Documents No. 00-38 and
No. 00-38-A

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Documents No. 00-38 and No. 00-38-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

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(continued)

Chairman Wold recognized Ms. Mai Dinh of the General Counsel's Office who presented the documents. During her presentation, Ms. Dinh noted the following amendment:

Page 14, Lines 15 through 17, of Agenda Document No. 00-38-A, the sentence should read:

"(b) For purposes of this section, prior violation means a civil money penalty that has been assessed against the respondent under this subpart in the current two-year election cycle or the prior two-year election cycle."

In her summation, Ms. Dinh also noted the proposed rules do not provide for a hearing, which would delay the publication of the final rules, and written comments must be received within a 30-day time period following the publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

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(continued)

General Counsel Noble and Staff Director
Pehrkon participated in the discussion which followed.

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman
McDonald, who

MOVED to approve the Notice
of Proposed Rulemaking for
publication in the Federal
Register, as submitted in
Agenda Document No. 00-38,
as amended by Agenda Document
No. 00-38-A, subject to the
above amendment.


The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Signed:


Darryl R. Wold
Chairman

Attest:


Mary W. Dove
Acting Secretary